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For: <b>Associated Material of a Composite Restraint</b>	)	
<b>System for Securing Freight</b>	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

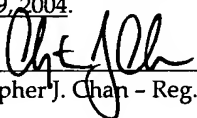
**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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